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COWS TRAINED
FOR THE TEST

Jerseys at the World's Fair Are Ex-
pected to Show That They Are
Superior to All Other Breeds.

The herd of Jersey cows assembled
at the World's Fair at St. Louis to rep-
resent the Jersey breed in the universal
dairy test has been inspected and has
been pronounced in perfect condition
and ready to start upon their six
months' grind on a day's notice.

W. R. Spann of the Burr Oak Jersey
farm, Dallas, Tex., was the inspector,
and he was thorough in his work. He
passed a week on the Exposition
grounds, and much of the time was
spent in and around the Jersey cattle
barn, and the condition of each in-
dividual of the herd of forty cows was
definitely ascertained.

Never was more intelligent and care-
ful treatment lavished on animals. No
athlete was ever better trained for a
contest requiring the development of
speed, skill and endurance than has
been this herd of Jerseys. When it is
known that this herd is to compete
with selected herds of Holsteins, Short-
horns, Brown Swiss and Devons, and
the herd making the best score for the
production of butter, milk and cheese
is to establish the standing of the
various breeds, the importance of the
cows being in perfect condition may
be understood.

For a solid year the Jerseys have
been in constant training. Twenty-
five cows will participate in the con-
test. Cows were selected from the
best herds in the United States.

Dr. J. L. Richardson, president of
the American Jersey Cattle Club, un-
der whose auspices this entry is made,
toured Europe and visited the famed
Isle of Jersey, where the breed origi-
nated. He was seeking the best cows,
but returned satisfied that Europe
could show no cows that were better
than those bred in America.

Though only twenty-five cows will
participate in the test, forty cows were
selected. They were assembled at
Jerseyville, Ill., a year ago. This is
near St. Louis, and the cattle have be-
come acclimated. Last December they
were removed to St. Louis. The cows
are the property of individual members
of the club and are loaned for the term
of the test. C. F. Graves, a breeder
at Milledale, Mo., was selected as the
superintendent to have charge of the
cattle, and he has been highly com-
plimented by Dr. Richardson and In-
spector Spann for the wonderful fine
condition in which he has placed the
herd.

A series of model dairy barns have
been built for the breeds competing in
the test. The barns are octagonal in
form, and are so arranged that the
cows are in the center and a wide
promenade permits visitors to pass
around and view the cows as they
stand in their stalls.

The milking and feeding are to be
done in plain view of the public, and
representatives of the various herds
will at all times have access to all the
barns to see that no sharp practices
are indulged in.

The test not only consists in show-
ing the amount of butter, milk and
cheese produced, but the cost of pro-
duction is taken into consideration.
Every ounce of food given each cow is
weighed and carefully recorded. When
the cows are milked, the milk is con-
veyed to a model creamery in the ap-
propriate building, where it is tested
and made into butter and cheese and
where all records are carefully kept.

The Jersey cattle participated in a
similar test at Chicago during the Col-
umbian Exposition and carried off
first honors.

Superintendent Graves is sanguine
over the result of the present test. He
says that the Jerseys have always
demonstrated their superiority over all
other breeds when placed in competi-
tion, and this time they will show to
better advantage than ever. Not only
is the Jersey milk richer in butter fat
than the milk of any other breed, says
Mr. Graves, but it is produced at a
less cost. The Jersey cows are the
smallest of the standard breeds, and
he asserts that they consume less feed.
They assimilate their food, and it is
converted into milk and butter and is
not used in building up and sustaining
a large carcass.

"We are going to make all other
breeds take to the woods after this
test," said Mr. Graves. "A few days
ago I was testing some of our Jersey
milk, and my hands were all sticky
and greasy from the enormous amount
of butter fat the milk contained. Mr.
Von Heyne, who is in charge of the
Holsteins, sent over a quantity of his
milk for me to test. Of course, from a
commercial standpoint, there was no
comparison between the milk, but it
was a pleasure to test his milk, for
when I got through there was no
grease on my hands. After this I
will have a bucket of Holstein milk
around handy to wash my hands in
after testing our own rich Jersey milk."

The test begins May 16 and contin-
ues 120 days.

Unique California Map.
A unique exhibit at the World's Fair
was prepared by the agricultural de-
partment of the University of Califor-
nia. It is a large map, so colored as to
show the character of the various soils
of the state. It gives a clear idea of
the situation and the extent of the arable
and unutilized sections. In the locali-
ties that cannot be cultivated are shown
the Sierras, the lava beds and the
desert. The map indicates the loca-
tion of the cultivable portions of the
mountains and Mohave plateau and
shows the nature of the foothills and
valleys of that wonderful state.

Made Young Again.
"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills
each night for two weeks has put me
in my 'teens' again," writes D. H.
Turner of Dempsytown, Pa. They're
the best in the world for Liver,
Stomach and Bowels. Purely vegeta-
ble. Never gripe. Only 35c at all
druggists.

A MOUSE THAT 'SINGS.'

Man Who Caught It Says It Warbles
Like a Canary.

Singing mice are rare, but a corre-
spondent writes from Yorkshire asking
whether we can give him any informa-
tion about a specimen he captured.

He adds, "It has been warbling just
like a canary for the last month in our
workshop, and although I have it in a
cage it still continues to sing."

That mice do occasionally "sing" is
undeniable. Some observers say that
their "song" is softer, sweeter and
more delicate than that of the canary,
which one can believe quite easily.

Others go so far as to compare it to
that of a warbler or even a piping bull-
finch. But the question as to why they
lift up their voices in this tuneful man-
ner still remains to be answered.

Three explanations have been sug-
gested:
First.—That all mice are potential vo-
calists and can learn to sing, by imita-
tion, from singing birds.

Second.—That many mice possess an
exceptional talent for mimicry, together
with a keen sense of the ludicrous.

Third.—That some mice are subject
to bronchitis and that the so-called
"song" is only the wheezing of rodents
which suffer from the distressing com-
plaint.

A certain amount of color is given to
the last theory by the fact that a mouse
which was caught by the neck in a
wire trap not sufficiently strong to kill
it "sang" while its throat was under
compression, but never again during
its subsequent life as a captive.—Lon-
don Mail.

JADE AS MEDICINE.

It is Used in Various Ways For Many
Diseases in China.

Everything in China of any rarity
whatever is certain to be dragged into
the pharmacopoeia of the Chinese phys-
ician. Jade is no exception to the rule.
It may be swallowed as a powder or in
little pieces the size of hemp seed for
various stomachic complaints. Even
pockmarks and scars may be obliterated
by being daily rubbed with a piece
of pure jade. It is also considered to
be of a moist nature, and we read of
an imperial favorite of the eighth cen-
tury who was cured of excessive thirst
by holding a fish shaped jade in her
mouth. And so when the tomb of the
great commander, T'iao T'iao, third
century, A. D., was opened 200 years
after his death, among the usual ob-
jects found in such circumstances was
a large silver bowl full of water. That
the water had not dried up was ac-
counted for by the presence in the bowl
of a jade boy three feet in height.

Jade is chiefly brought from the
K'un-lun, or Koukun, range, between
the desert of Gobi and Tibet; from
Khoten or Ichi in Yarkand, and from
Lan-tien, on the Belurtagh mountains,
still farther to the west. In the tenth
century, A. D., the latter was actually
known as the Jade hills district, though
it does not appear that any jade has
ever been found there.—Professor
Herbert A. Giles in Nineteenth Cen-
tury.

St. Patrick's Purgatory.
Medieval songs and legends, which
are rich in all sorts of mythical and
fantastical lore, locate the entrance to
St. Patrick's famous "purgatory" on
the island of Lough Derg, Ireland. The
opening itself was through a cave, the
existence of which was revealed to the
saint by Christ, who informed the good
Patrick that any one with the moral
courage to go down into the cavern
would be saved the pangs of the real
"purgatory" after death. Patrick built
a monastery at the entrance of his
earthly "purgatory" and secured the
way to the pit by an iron gate provid-
ed with strong chains and locks of
peculiar and intricate workmanship.
Lough Derg, next to Jerusalem, was
the most celebrated spot on earth dur-
ing the middle ages. Thousands visited
"purgatory" every year, and the whole
island had the appearance of a popu-
lous city.

Reversible Snakes in India.
A snake not often heard of, at least
in America, is the liver colored snake
with two heads, or perhaps they should
be called mouths, though it does not
have two mouths at the same time.
They are reversible mouths, occupying
the opposite end every six months. It
lies with the two ends crossed on each
other, as with folded hands. Every
six months the change of the seasons
reverses the functions of the two ends,
the head becoming the tail and the tail
becoming the head. The mouth at one
end heals or closes up all but a small
opening, while the opposite end be-
comes the mouth for the next six
months.

Breton Children.
The Breton children are pious, super-
stitious, stolid, strong, patient and very
thorough. The girls are intelligent and
interesting. They are the mistresses
of the family. A child of ten undertakes
to superintend both household work
and the farm. The boys are more or
less stupid, handsome, bronze faced
country urchins. Bee culture seems to
be the favorite occupation of the Bre-
ton boy. The insects will come at his
bidding and will even cover him from
head to foot without stinging.

Turning Away Wrath.
"I don't believe you love me any
more," pouted she.
"I couldn't," replied he.
After thinking it over she smiled and
told him she could make the same old
dress do another season.—Houston Post.

Could Not Guarantee Them.
"Have you any eggs?" inquired the
customer.
"Yes, sir," said the waiter. "I can
bring you some eggs, but I want you to
remember that this is a ten cent lunch
counter."—Chicago Tribune.

Quick Arrest.
J. A. Gullledge of Verbena, Ala.,
was twice in the hospital from a
severe case of piles causing 24 tumors.
After doctors and all remedies
failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve quick-
ly arrested further inflammation
and cured him. It conquers aches
and kills pain. 35c. at all druggists.

SECOND POLITICAL SWEEPSTAKES.

Tuesday, June 7th, 1904—County
Entries for the Final Event.

FOR SHERIFF.

I respectfully announce myself a can-
didate for the office of Sheriff of DeSoto
county, subject to the action of the Demo-
cratic primary on June 7th. If nomi-
nated and elected, I will give my best
attention to the duties of the office and
will make an especial effort to conduct
it in such a way as will entail the least
possible expense upon the tax-payers of
the county. Respectfully,
A. C. FREEMAN.

To the Democratic voters of DeSoto
County:—I respectfully announce my
candidate for re-election to the office of
Sheriff of DeSoto county subject to the
action of the Democratic voters in pri-
mary election. If renominated and
elected, I will continue to discharge my
duties fearlessly and without favor.
Thanking you for your past support and
soliciting your votes in the approaching
primary, I am, very respectfully,
T. E. FIELDER.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

We are authorized to announce Finis
E. Parker as a candidate in the Demo-
cratic primary for the office of County
Treasurer. He refers to the record he
has made in the office as a ground for
respectfully soliciting the support of the
Democratic voters.

To the voters of DeSoto County:—I
herby announce myself as a candidate
for the office of County Treasurer in the
coming primary. If nominated and
elected to this office, I shall serve you to
the best of my ability. Soliciting the
support of all, I am, respectfully,
JAMES A. HENDRY.

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

At the continued commands of my
friends, I hereby announce myself a can-
didate for Superintendent of Public In-
struction for DeSoto county, subject to
the action of the voters in the coming
primary election. If elected, I promise
my earnest efforts to the better educa-
tional interests of DeSoto county.
JOSEPH H. BROWN.

To the voters of DeSoto County:—I
herby announce my candidacy for Super-
intendent of Public Instruction before
the primary election to be held June 7
If elected to this office, I pledge myself
to devote my entire time to the office
and schools of this county; to labor
for a longer school term, better buildings
and better schools, and to treat all sec-
tions impartially. Soliciting your sup-
port, I am, respectfully,
W. J. ODOM.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

I hereby announce myself as a can-
didate for County Commissioner for Dis-
trict No. 3 of DeSoto County and re-
spectfully solicit the support of the
Democratic voters in the approaching
primary.
J. H. CONCANNON.

We are authorized to announce Mr.
F. T. Perkins as a candidate for County
Commissioner for District No. 3 of De-
Soto county, subject to the action of the
Democratic primary.

Life in the fertile Manatee region is
"one long, sweet song," and it is not
strange that Editor Lightfoot of the
Bradenton Herald is moved to ex-
press himself thusly: "No sooner
does the orange make its exit than the
watermelon, the tomato, green
peas, and beans and almost every
variety of vegetables innumerable
and appetizing, step in to fill the va-
cancy. Indeed this is a great coun-
try, and the celestial ruler has cer-
tainly favored us people. Where in
all the states will you find such
luxury as we enjoy, thrust upon the
people? Ye people of the east, the
west, the north—come to Florida—
come to Manatee county and share
with us this bounteous supply of
earthly blessings."

To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merritt, of
No. Mehoopung, Pa., made a start-
ling test resulting in a wonderful
cure. He writes, "a patient was at-
tacked with violent hemorrhages,
caused by ulceration of the stomach.
I had often found Electric Bitters
excellent for acute stomach and
liver troubles, so I prescribed them.
The patient gained from the first,
and has not had an attack in 14
months." Electric Bitters are posi-
tively guaranteed for Dyspepsia,
Indigestion, Constipation and Kid-
ney troubles. Try them. Only 50c at
all druggists.

Ocala Banner: Senator Tallaferra's
campaign was managed with admir-
able skill. It was absolutely void of
villification and abuse and his an-
swers to the arguments of his op-
ponents were complete and over-
whelming, and were placed in the
hands of every voter in the State,
and his phenomenally large vote
was the result.

Whoooping Cough.

"In the spring of 1901 my children
had whooping cough," says Mrs. D.
W. Capps, of Capps, Ala. "I used
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with
the most satisfactory results. I think
this is the best remedy I have ever
seen for whooping cough." This
remedy keeps the cough loose,
lessens the severity and frequency
of the coughing spells and counter-
acts any tendency toward pneu-
monia. For sale by all druggists.

GRATEFUL CANDIDATES.

Senator Brown, Editor Humphries and
Mr. Hendry.

The following pleasing cards are
addressed to the voters of DeSoto
county:

Allow me to extend to you my
heartfelt thanks for the excellent
support given me in my race for the
governorship, and although I was
defeated I am proud of the 9000 votes
cast for me, not one of which was
bought or unduly influenced in any
manner; and I desire to assure you
of my appreciation of what any one
of you did toward the total. Believe
me, I am as truly grateful as though
I had been successful.

C. M. BROWN.

I am profoundly grateful to my
friends in both Manatee and DeSoto
counties for the handsome vote
which I received for nomination as
State Senator for the 27th district.
The loyal manner in which my
friends stood by me will never be
forgotten, and I shall use my best
endeavors to prove myself worthy of
the confidence which you have shown
to have in me.

I now consider myself the candi-
date of every democrat in the dis-
trict, and when elected shall con-
sider myself the servant of the
whole people and shall be guided by
a sincere desire to serve them to the
very best of my ability.

Respectfully,
J. H. HUMPHRIES,
Bradenton, Florida,
May 17th, 1904.

I desire to thank you for your
liberal support you gave me in the
race for treasurer of your county.
I was deprived of the pleasure of
meeting many of my friends in the
last campaign, but hope to see many
of you before the next primary.
Again expressing my heartfelt
thanks for your cordial support and
trusting that I may merit the same
in the future, I am,
Yours Very Truly,
JAMES A. HENDRY.

Arcadia, May 17.

A Sure Thing

It is said that nothing is sure ex-
cept death and taxes, but that is not
altogether true. Dr. King's New
Discovery for Consumption is a sure
cure for all lung and throat troubles.
Thousands can testify to that. Mrs.
C. B. VanMetre of Shepherdstown,
W. Va., says: "I had a severe case
of bronchitis and for a year tried
everything I heard of, but got no re-
lief. One bottle of Dr. King's New
Discovery then cured me absolutely."

It's infallible for croup, whooping
cough, grip, pneumonia and con-
sumption. Try it. It's guaranteed by
all druggists. Trial bottles free. Reg-
isters 50c, \$1.00.

A FLORIDA GIRL.

Miss Lucy Lee Call, the charming
daughter of ex-Senator Call, of Jack-
sonville and four other young ladies
have been selected by the board of
directors of the Metropolitan Opera
Company of New York to become
singers in grand opera, and these
young ladies will be sent to Europe
at the expense of the directors of
the Metropolitan Opera Company
and given every advantage to be-
come stars in grand opera. Miss
Call's home is in Jacksonville, al-
though she has spent most of her
life in Washington. She was a pu-
pil of Le Grand Howland and once
sang in his opera "Serena". She
had studied four years to cultivate
her voice as a contralto and then
found it was soprano. She is 22
years old, a brunette, tall and slight.
Miss Call has many friends in Tal-
lahassee who will rejoice at the suc-
cess she has achieved in her chosen
profession and wish for her the
highest meed of success.—Tallahas-
see Capital.

An Open Letter.

From the Chapin, S. C. News:
Early in the spring my wife and I
were taken with diarrhoea and so
severe were the pains that we called
a physician who prescribed for us,
but his medicines failed to give any
relief. A friend who had a bottle of
Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and
Diarrhoea Remedy on hand gave
each of us a dose and we at once
felt the effects. I procured a bottle
and before using the entire contents
we were entirely cured. It is a
wonderful remedy and should be
found in every household.—H. C.
Bailey, Editor. This remedy is for
sale by all druggists.

SUCCESS IN FLORIDA.

Ocala Star:—H. F. Farham struck
Oxford from South Florida four
years ago with a checkered shirt, a
pair of overalls and a 10c straw hat.
Since then he has acquired 300 acres
of land, become the possessor of a
comfortable home, a new barn, five
head of horses and mules, and all
the best vehicles and improved labor-
saving machines. His present crops
cover 100 acres, and he has already
been offered \$2000 for his melons in
the field. He has as charming a
little black-eyed wife as can be
located in seven counties, and not
a mortgage plaster on all his pos-
sessions. What is said of Mr. Farham
could almost be duplicated in Jack
Driggers' case, only Jack thinks he
is the most expert mule equestrian
in the state.

Dade City Democrat:—A vote for
Broward means a vote for a man
who has never done anything for the
State or the Democratic party and
who, when in office, failed to regard
public office as a public trust.

Gainesville Sun: Governor Jen-
nings made a much better race for
the Senate than it was generally
thought he would make, running
very close to Mr. Stockton. The
creditable administration he has
given the people as governor had
much to do with the strong support
he received for the Senate. He will
always have a warm place in the
hearts of many of Florida's best peo-
ple, and if he gracefully bows to the
will of the Democratic party as ex-
pressed in the primary of May 10th
and keeps "hands off" in the second
contest, his political star will not
have set for long in Florida.

Dunnellon Advocate:—The Ad-
vocate nominates General Albert W.
Gilechrist for speaker of the next
house of representatives of Florida.
He would make an able and impar-
tial speaker. No man is better qual-
ified by experience nor more honora-
ble or upright than he. Here's for
the success of Speaker Gilechrist.

Dade City Democrat:—A vote for
Broward means a vote for a man
who has never done anything for the
State or the Democratic party and
who, when in office, failed to regard
public office as a public trust.

Tallahassee:—It was formerly
the pleasing custom of the "Three
Friends" to bolt such Democratic
conventions as they could not con-
trol, and they may now be expected
to devise some means by which the
primary election may also be bolted
—or, in other words, the plainly ex-
pressed will of the people evaded.

If John Stockton were half as
good a Democrat as he claims to be—
if he were the public-spirited citizen
and high minded man he would have
us believe—he would bow to "the
will of the people" and decline to
prolong a contest which can have
but one result.

But nobody who knows John N.
C. Stockton expects anything so
rational of him. He has, in fact, al-
ready been heard to declare that he
would run again, "even if Tallaferra
lacked but one vote of a majority."

In other words, as there is no con-
vention whose adverse verdict he
can repudiate, he now proposes to
do the next best thing and ignore the
will of the sovereign people of Flori-
da, as expressed in the primary of
his own devising.

But Mr. Stockton need no longer
deceive himself—he need no longer
seek to deceive the plain people for
support. His convention scarecrow
has been taken from him—his "cor-
poration" bugaboo is no longer avail-
able. He is dealing with the people
themselves today, and now that they
have repudiated him, his house of
cards is tumbling about his ears.